

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Hinge 7 has a hinge fastening 8 extending slightly inclined upwardly, similar to rear strut 2, so that the swivel axis 12, for components 5 and 6 extends slanted as well, and these components therefore fall to each other automatically. For example, hinge fastening 8 may have an angle of inclination offset or from a vertical axis as shown in Fig. 2. If need be, this can be achieved also with the help of a spring or a similar device. To reduce the opening angle of components 5 and 6, the hinge can also be designed so that it projects into a part of opening 10, so that swivel axis 12 is displaced from strut 3. In the embodiment showed in Fig. 1, an upper bow 13 is provided, in addition to lower bow 6, wherein bow 13 is secured on transverse support 5 similar to lower bow 6. Upper bow 13 and lower bow 6 may be secured to hinge fastening 8 by means of bolts. Hinge fastening 8 may be secured to rear strut 2 by means of bolts. Additionally, upper bow 13 and lower bow 6 may be secured directly to support 5. Bow 13 extends up to about half of the height between roof/canopy 4 and support 5, and in this way, provides a particularly good protection for the driver on the vehicle.--